



WAR OF WITNESS

SEMICOLON LAW REPEAL BILL PASSES

Senate, After Third Reading Suspends Rules and Votes to Engross It, 18 to 3. NOW BEFORE THE HOUSE

The bill for the repeal of the famous "semicolon law" is in the hands of the House of Representatives. By a vote of eighteen to three, it passed the Senate this afternoon on a second suspension of rules and was sent to the lower house in order that they might act on it quickly, and if the action was favorable to permit hotel keepers throughout the State to receive supply liquor in a thirty minute up to the hour of midnight.

It was thought when the bill came up for a second reading to-day that there would be a real hot battle up of Senators who favored it and Senators who believed that it would be too late enough to have the incident sold.

Tested there was little opposition, Senator Brande, who yesterday championed the cause of the extra dry hour, was heard again and spoke but a few minutes. He was the only Senator who made strenuous opposition to the bill. He had the support of five other Senators.

Bemis Opposes Change.

"I do not believe the people want this bill," said Senator Bemis. They are perfectly satisfied with the present law, if they do not want what it is the use of giving it to them?

Senator Lane responded to the arguments of Senator Bemis. "I believe the majority of the people do want this bill," he said.

"Because the majority want it is the reason it has been passed," he said.

Replied, "It is under debate," he said. "There is no necessity for rushing this thing through."

Passed to Be Engrossed.

Again the Senator from Boston who his bill, on a roll call the necessary two-thirds vote was secured. The bill was passed to be engrossed, 18 to 3. The Senator voted.

Yes—Brackett, Bullock, Callender, Chase, Dillon, Fitzgerald, Flynn, Garfield, Gifford, How, Kimball, Lane, McKelvey, McKinley, Osgood, Peters, Pratt, Sullivan—18.

No—Bemis, Chamberlain, Gove, Paine—Yes, Cole, Wallace, Bagley, Sampson, Appleton, Leahy, Clark, Bunde, Dane, Newell, Craig, Nye.

Again Senator Lane moved a suspension of rules and was granted. The bill was then passed to be engrossed.

It is under discussion in the lower branch this afternoon.

STRIKE TIES UP STR. PLYMOUTH

FALL RIVER, Mass. May 20.—The Fall River strike yesterday is tied up and may not go on tonight. About fifty cars and freight handlers are upon a strike. There is likely to be trouble at any hour if an attempt is made to substitute outside help. The trouble began at the New York and Australia.

STEAMER SINKS; MAY BE 13 LOST; KNOWN 5

TURRET BOY STRIKES OFF ST. PAUL'S ISLAND; OF 14 RESCUED, NINE LIVE.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 20.—Despatch from Superintendent St. Paul's Island, dated today, says: "Terrible disaster occurred here this morning."

"Steamer Turret, from Sydney to Montreal with oil, struck near southwest lighthouse at 5.30 a. m."

"Heavy seas were coming off fog; the backed off into deep water and sank twenty minutes after striking."

"We took fourteen men off floating wreckage with boats."

"Five died before reaching shore. Four others doing well."

"Do not yet know total number lost. In error mistaken for steam for station steamer's whistle."

"Rescued shipwrecked sailors, of the crew, perished."

ROGERS FORCED OUT OF AMALGAMATED CONTROL

STANDARD OIL INTERESTS OPPOSE HIS POLICY; THAYER SUPREME.

State street news today that Henry H. Rogers, the Standard Oil magnate, has turned over the control of the Amalgamated Copper Company to Benjamin F. Thayer.

The reason given out is that "Mr. Rogers desires to be relieved of the Amalgamated management."

State street has also just given word that Mr. Rogers has been greatly forced by interests in Standard Oil since powerful from himself to surrender the Amalgamated control.

The whole matter back of this is taken to be that John B. Rockefeller and his fellow-controllers of Standard Oil policy are displeased with Mr. Rogers on account of the legal matter into which Amalgamated has been drawn in the famous "copper war."

Interests Intervened.

While the Standard was not implicated directly in the controversy, the interests of Amalgamated and Standard are so intertwined that the publicity does not help Amalgamated during the prolonged court hearing was shorter than the litigation for Standard Oil interests alone.

Second men of the "Street" that the "high powers" in the Standard administered a rebuke to Mr. Rogers in the form of compelling him to relinquish to Benjamin F. Thayer all control and active management of the Amalgamated.

Mr. Rogers is still an important factor in Standard Oil. He has heavy holdings in it. He keeps near it not so much as John B. Rockefeller, the supreme head and front of the "Oil Trust" as it is called.

May Not Withdraw.

Following the situation in its legal aspect, the Standard news was delayed. It is probable that Mr. Rogers will withdraw from the Standard Oil altogether on account of this practically public report against him.

This change in Mr. Rogers's affairs will make Mr. Thayer supreme in Amalgamated. He will dictate its policy, both in actual business management and in the "copper war," known as the Montana situation.

It is now believed that the recent announcement that Amalgamated would take no part in the political situation in Montana was the first official act of Thayer, the new manager.

20,000 JAPS RETREAT BEFORE 32,000 GOES

MOVE ON FANG HUANGCHENG BEFORE KURO-PATKIN WITHOUT SERIOUS LOSS.

LONDON, May 20.—Twenty in a strong position. To give battle thousands Japanese troops encountered under the circumstances would have been foolhardy. The retreat of an army of 32,000 Russians against sixty miles west of Feng Huang Cheng and retreated upon that place. General Kuropatkin's Cossack riders harassed the Japanese flanks, but no serious clash occurred. The Japanese column has rejoined the main Japanese army.

Military experts see in this Russian success evidence of accession to the retreat of the Japanese.

The Russians were intrenched.

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BOSTON WOMAN LEAPS TO DEATH IN NEW YORK HOTEL

Jumps from Fifth Story Window and Dies Soon Afterward From Her Injuries.

By Boston American Local Wire. NEW YORK, May 20.—A woman who registered as Miss Kate Green, of Boston, leaped to death from the fifth story of the Hotel Hamilton, today, into the paved street below.

She was not instantly killed by the terrible fall, although many bones were broken and her face and head were badly injured. She suffered internal injuries also. She was taken from the hotel to Bellevue Hospital, where she died in fifteen minutes.

Miss Green came to New York with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Babcock, of Boston, who were passing on to a prominent Boston family. She had been suffering from nervous prostration, and came to New York for a change of scene.

Miss Green lived at No. 245 Beacon street, Boston. Mrs. Babcock lives at No. 223 Park avenue, Arlington Heights. It is said here that Miss Green was an orphan, but has an uncle living in Boston.

SAW BODY IN AIR.

Miss Green was alone in her apartment when she leaped from the window. She had just arisen from bed, and was still only in her night dress. A chambermaid on the fourth floor heard her scream as she leaped, and, rushing to the window, saw the woman's body whirling through the air.

The crash of the woman's fall was heard in all the lower apartments. In the hotel, and a score of persons rushed to the corridor of the hotel, and a burst call for an ambulance was sent to the Roosevelt Hospital.

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Man Who Assailed Miss Jessie Spring Identified by His Victim and Her Watch Found in His Pocket—Taken Before Daylight Today at Howard and Court Streets—Another Man Also Under Arrest.

CHARGED WITH ATTACKING AND ROBBING MISS JESSIE SPRING, TWENTY YEARS OLD, OF NO. 11 HUTCHINS STREET, ROXBURY, ON TUESDAY NIGHT, A YOUNG MAN WHO SAID HE WAS HARRY SIMPSON, OF NO. 88 ELM STREET, WAS ARRESTED TO-DAY BY INSPECTORS PATTERSON AND SMITH. SIMPSON IS BELIEVED BY THE POLICE TO BE THE LEADER OF A HOLD UP GANG THAT HAS MADE A SPECIALTY OF ATTACKING AND ROBBING UNPROTECTED WOMEN.

THE ATTACK WAS MADE IN WARREN STREET ON ELM HILL. MISS SPRING WAS ON HER WAY TO HER HOME, ABOUT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING. SHE LEFT A WARREN STREET CAR AT ELM HILL AVENUE, AND WAS WALKING ALONG WARREN STREET WHEN SHE NOTICED A YOUNG MAN LEANING IDLY AGAINST A FENCE.

Accosted by Second.

She paid no attention to him as he passed, but too far, further on she met a second young man who spoke to her. Miss Spring was frightened and tried to hurry past, but the second man struck her in the back with his fist, knocking her down. Before she could cry out for help, he clapped one hand over her mouth, while with the other he dragged her into the shadow of a tall building.

There he robbed her of a leather handbag, containing a watch and five dollars, and then he fled. Last night they arrested Thomas S. Higgins, twenty-two years old, a graduate of the reformatory, and at 2 o'clock this morning they caught Simpson, Miss Spring's watch, a silver one, was found in Simpson's pocket. He declared that a man had given it to him in the street. Later Miss Spring was sent for and positively identified Simpson, picking him out of a crowd of men to the police.

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NEWTON WARS ON JAGS AND AUTOISTS

In continuation of the methods of Judge Emmott, Chief Justice of the Newton Police Court, has instituted a reform movement. Both State Road and Judge Kennedy have been set for those who will register to insure, and the police are looking for automobilists who exceed the speed limit. All who come late Newton with jags will be dealt with harshly. Notices warning the public of the new law are being posted in public places.

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